

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Remote Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Hills
Randy Parker
John Waterman

ALSO PRESENT: James McGrail, Town Administrator; Donna Hemphill, Administrative Assistant;; Cynthia Callow; Harry Norweb; Thomas iPhone; ORCTV-Emily Richmond; Mick Colageo, The Wanderer;; Sandra Quadros-Bowles, Sippican Week; Nathaniel Munafo, Dept. of Public Works; Bob Grillo; Dr. Ed Hoffer; Paul Naiman

The remote meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hills announced that the meeting would be video recorded and posted by ORCTV. A list of the items reviewed will be attached to these minutes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Parker motioned to approve the minutes from February 1, 2022. Mr. Waterman seconded.
VOTE 3-0-0

APPOINTMENTS

Harry Norweb & Dr. Edward Hoffer – Discussion regarding action plan for the AARP and World Health Organization Age-Friendly Community (AFC) designation – Mr. Norweb reviewed the letter that he and Dr. Hoffer had sent the Board ahead of the meeting. The purpose of the appointment was to ask the Select Board to send the action plan to AARP. After a brief discussion, Mr. Parker moveded that the Select Board approve to submit the action plan to AARP and World Health Organization Age-Friendly Community (AFC). Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Paul Naiman – Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) presentation – Mr. Naiman reviewed the report that had been submitted to the Select Board ahead of the meeting. He said that the CIPC begins meeting with Department Heads in September to review capital projects for the upcoming budget season. He reviewed the different criteria used to evaluate each project. Mr. Naiman said the CIPC reviewed 34 different projects this year. The letter and the supplemental information the CIPC has submitted to the Select Board will be in the Annual Report and the intention is to have it as a supplement with the Warrant for the Spring Town Meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Naiman and the Committee for their hard work.

ACTION ITEMS

Department of Public Works (DPW) request to deficit spend – Snow and Ice Removal – This is an annual request from the DPW. Mr. Parker moved to approve the DPW's request to deficit spend for snow and ice removal. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Reschedule public dog hearing – At the February 1, 2022 meeting, the Select Board scheduled a hearing on a complaint from Debra Cohen. The date scheduled was April 19, 2022 but we looked at the calendar incorrectly. It should have been scheduled for March 15, 2022. This rescheduled hearing date will still allow for the two consecutive public hearing notices to be published in The Wanderer. One on February 24, 2022 and the second on March 3, 2022. Mr. Parker moved to reschedule the remote dog public hearing to Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:15pm. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Sewer Connection Application – 390 Wareham Road - Mr. McGrail said that after discussions with the DPW and the applicant and considering that the private sewer line was originally installed to connect this specific house, he requested that the Select Board approve the application with the following conditions: 1) The applicant will provide the DPW staff an engineered connection plan from the house to the private sewer line; 2) Within three months of completion the applicant must submit an as-built drawing for the connection; 3) The applicant will work with other users of that private line to develop an association and create an Operations and Management Plan. After a brief discussion, Mr. Parker moved to approve the connection as presented by Mr. McGrail. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Reappointments to the Stewards of Community Open Space (SOCOS) - On April 18, 2017 the Marion Board of Selectman created a new collaborative town entity, the Stewards of Community Open Space. The purpose of the SOCOS is to develop, maintain and advocate for a comprehensive and integrated plan for the use and management of Marion open space. It is made of a member from each of the following committees: Conservation Commission, Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission, Marine Resources Commission, Pathways Committee, Recreation Department, Trees & Parks Committee, Trustees of Washburn Park and Sippican Lands Trust. Mr. McGrail recommended adding a representative from the Select Board and from Planning. The Select Board agreed. There was a brief discussion about the length of the term. Mr. Parker moved to appoint the following to the SOCOS for a term ending June 2023 or when they no longer serve on their primary committee. He read aloud the names: Margherita B. Baldwin (Parks/Trees Committee), Jim Bride (Sippican Lands Trust), Toby Burr (Marine Resources Commission), Marc Bellanger (Conservation Commission), Doug Guey-Lee (Planning), Lorraine Heffernan (MOSAC), Norman Hills (Select Board), Wayne Mattson (Washburn Trust), John Rockwell (Pathways), Scott Tavares (Recreation Department). Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Recommendation for appointment of Emil Assing as full member of Conservation Commission – Mr. Assing would be filling position vacated by Cynthia Callow which is due to expire June 2022. Mr. Parker moved to appoint Mr. Assing to fill Ms. Callow's seat expiring June 2022. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Request for Memorial Bench -

Mr. McGrail said that the Board has received a letter from Donna Maxim requesting placement of memorial bench at Silvershell Beach. He said that has been an increase in the number of requests for different memorials in town and noted that other towns have problems with excessive requests. Mr. McGrail has spoken to Mr. Hills and they suggested to pass over this item until a “memorial policy” is in place. Mr. Hills will work with Mr. McGrail to draft a policy to review with the Board. Once this policy is in place, Ms. Maxim’s request will be added to a future agenda.

Water/Sewer Abatement Request – 17 Pleasant Street – Mr. McGrail said that the recommendation is to deny this abatement request based on the fact that the water went through the municipal meter and was processed at the plant. Mr. Parker moved to deny the request based on the information provided by Mr. McGrail. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Water Abatement Request – 587 Front Street - Mr. McGrail said that the recommendation is to deny this abatement request based on the fact that the homeowner was notified multiple times about the high usage and the water went through the municipal meter. Mr. Parker moved to deny the request based on the information provided by Mr. McGrail. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Water/Sewer Abatement Request – 219 Mattapoisett Rd., Rochester - Mr. McGrail said that the recommendation is to deny this abatement request based on the fact that the homeowner was notified multiple times about the high usage and the water went through the municipal meter. Mr. Parker moved to deny the request based on the information provided by Mr. McGrail. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

Compatible Use Authorization form from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture –Inspection of the signage at Goldovitz Bog is required so this item was passed over.

Water/Sewer Commitment, \$206.09, Final Readings (2/1/2022) - Mr. Parker moved to approve. Mr. Waterman seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget update – Mr. McGrail reported that the budget process is going smoothly and that the Town is close to having a balanced budget. He said after the last Select Board meeting, he and Mrs. Mooney presented their draft budget to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has started meeting with Department Heads as part of the process. They have already met with Police and Fire and their next meeting will be with Recreation and Harbormaster. Mr. McGrail said that the Sippican School Committee and Old Rochester Regional Committee are scheduled for March 2, 2022 and the DPW is scheduled for March 9, 2022. These meetings will be posted as joint meetings with the Select Board.

Lagoon Project Update – Mr. McGrail said that the physical installation of the lagoon liner is complete. There are leak mitigation measures that need to be done in the area where the liner meets the concrete effluent structure. Since these measures are best done in warmer weather it will setback the completion of the project to the spring. Mr. McGrail said that the Town is working

with the EPA and MassDEP to address the deadlines associated with the project and has received positive feedback from them.

Building Commissioner Update – Mr. McGrail was pleased to announce that the Town has hired a new Building Commissioner. Robert Grillo will begin his new position on February 22, 2022 and comes to us from Sandwich. Mr. Grillo was on the remote meeting and introduced himself. The Board welcomed him and said they are looking forward to working with him.

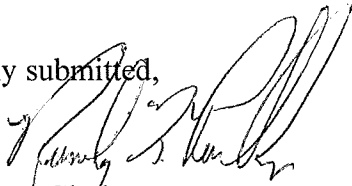
Mask Mandate in Municipal Buildings – Mr. McGrail reported that after consultation with the Marion Board of Health, he is lifting the mask mandate in municipal buildings as of February 28, 2022. This change is based on the most recent advisory regarding face coverings from the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

There were no other matters to come before the Select Board.

The next Select Board meeting will be held remotely on March 2, 2022 at 5pm.

Moved by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Waterman at 7:11 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Randy Parker, Clerk

Date approved: March 2, 2022

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MARION SELECT BOARD
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2022

1. Minutes from February 1, 2022
2. Action plan for the AARP and World Health Organization Age-Friendly Community (AFC) designation
3. Capital Improvements Planning Committee presentation
4. Sewer Connection Application – 390 Wareham Road
5. Reappointments to the Stewards of Community Open Space
6. Recommendation for appointment of Emil Assing as full member of Conservation Commission
7. Letter from Donna Maxim requesting placement of memorial bench at Silvershell Beach
8. Water/Sewer Abatement Request – 17 Pleasant Street
9. Water/Sewer Abatement Request – 587 Front Street
10. Water/Sewer Abatement Request – 219 Mattapoissett Rd., Rochester
11. Compatible Use Authorization form from US Dept. of Agriculture
12. Water/Sewer Commitment, 206.09, Final Readings (2/1/2022)
13. Letter from Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions regarding Commissioner Marc Bellanger's Certificate of Achievement
14. Request for appointment to Affordable Housing Trust and Marion Cultural Council - Gaelle Hyppolite
15. FEMA letter dated January 21, 2022 regarding Letter of Map Revisions
16. FEMA letter dated January 27, 2022 regarding Letter of Map Revision
17. Plymouth County Mosquito Control budget notification and compliance certification policy
18. Letter from Division of Marine Fisheries regarding shellfish department staffing and participation in the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association
19. Xfinity Form 500 – Complaint Data and Annual Notice
20. Resignation of Gary Taylor from Marion Affordable Housing Trust
21. Copy of letter to the Town Clerk from SRPEDD regarding their annual assessment
22. Notice from Fios TV regarding content change
23. Notice of decision from Zoning Board of Appeals – 26 West Avenue
24. Notice of decision from Zoning Board of Appeals – 176 Wareham Street
25. Notice of decision from Zoning Board of Appeals – 460 Front Street